

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 858

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Garren Michael Petree,
2002 Valedictorian of Campbell County High
School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Garren Michael Petree is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2002 graduating class at Campbell County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Garren has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Mr. Petree has earned an exemplary 4.0 Grade Point Average; he was a Top Ten student in each of his four high school years, a Beta Club member in his Junior and Senior years, and was listed for four years in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; and

WHEREAS, Garren has garnered numerous awards during high school, including a Certificate of Merit for Exemplary Efforts and Achievement in English I, a Rotary Youth

Achievement Award, a Lafollette Book Award, 4th Place in the BPA State Programming Competition, a Five Terms Band Award and was voted Mr. Senior by his graduating class; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Petree has been a member of the Concert Band for three years, the Pep Band and the Marching Band for two years, the Stage Band for one year, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes as a Freshman, the Scholar's Team for four years, the Future Business Professionals of America for two years, the Ford Academy of Manufacturing Sciences as a Senior, and membership in the Key Club and the Science Club in his final year; he demonstrated his leadership skills as a member of the Student Council in his Senior year; and

WHEREAS, Garren has not neglected athletics, going out for football as a Sophomore, Cross-Country as a Junior and Senior, and Tennis as a Senior; outside of the school setting, he has engaged in four years of weight training and three years of Recreational League Basketball; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Petree's other notable non-scholastic activities include three years of piano lessons and three years of membership in the Boy Scouts of America, culminating in his receiving his Eagle Scout Award on July 13, 2000; and

WHEREAS, Garren's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success, including his plans to major in medicine at Vanderbilt University or East Tennessee State University with the intent of becoming a physician; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Petree's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Garren's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2002 Campbell County High School Valedictorian, Garren Michael Petree, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.